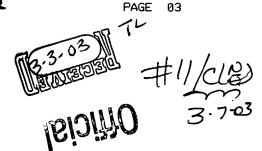
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In response to an Office action dated November 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A method for generating a signal rich in prosody information comprising the steps of:

inserting in said signal a plurality of phonemes represented by phoneme symbols, inserting in said signal a duration specification associated with each of said phonemes,

inserting, for at least one of said phonemes, at least two prosody parameter specifications, with each specification of a prosody parameter specifying a target value for said prosody parameter and any selected point in time for reaching said target value, to thereby generate a signal adapted for converting into speech.

- 2. The method of claim 1 where at least one of said two prosody parameter specifications specifies pitch.
- 3. The method of claim 1 where at least one of said two prosody parameter specifications specifies energy.

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